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**UTILITY PATENT
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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application
of José Merino LOPEZ for TIRE TREAD.

- [] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 2 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- [] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., Granges-Paccot, Switzerland.

Also enclosed are:

- [] Two sheet(s) of drawings;
- [] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [] hereby made to Patent Application Serial No. 01/12469 filed in France on September 27, 2001;
[] in the declaration;
- [] Certified copy of Priority Document No. 01/12469;
- [] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
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- [] an Information Disclosure Statement;
- [] a patent application data sheet; and
- [] Other: 1) Publication WO 03/029031; 2) Election Notification IPEA/402;
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- [] An [] executed [] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
[] also is enclosed [] will follow.
- [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	14	MINUS 20 =	---	× \$18.00 (1202) =	---
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	---	× \$86.00 (1201) =	---
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					---
Total Application Fee					770.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					---
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TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					810.00

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